

1 Peter 2:21 says, "For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example and you must follow in his footsteps." You know, reflecting on Jim's life has impacted us all this week. It has impacted me and challenged me to think about being the best person I can be. So I've asked myself some tough questions. Am I following in Jesus Christ's footsteps? Am I following in Jim Smith's footsteps? Can I be a man that cares for my community like Jim Smith cared for this community? Can I be a man that loves my children like Jim Smith loved Zander and Jazlyn? Can I be a man that loves my wife like Jim loved his wife, Kathy? And can I be a man that loves the Lord Jesus Christ, like Jim Smith loved the Lord, his God? We love you Jim, we will see you again.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN SHEPLER

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam President, I rise today to honor John Shepler, an outstanding public servant who has served both my office and the citizens of West Virginia well in his 21-year career with the Internal Revenue Service. John is retiring from his position as taxpayer advocate in order to spend more time with his family and enjoy the next stage of his life.

During his 10 years as taxpayer advocate, John was a valuable resource to my office and West Virginia's citizens. He was well informed, quick to respond, and straightforward in his dealings as he advocated on behalf of his clients. He was a dedicated employee, fully committed to his many responsibilities. He was a pleasure to work with, and my staff were always confident that John was providing top-level service, regardless of the issue.

John also served his country through his military service with the U.S. Air Force, serving 6 years as a missile facilities specialist. A dedicated public servant, John has served his country and his community continually throughout his adult life.

John is the proud parent of daughter and a son, living in Little Hocking, OH, and Houston, TX, respectively. I am sure he is looking forward to spending more time with his five grandchildren, as well as with his favorite pastimes: hunting deer and turkey, fishing, and camping.

I would like to thank John for his service and wish him well in his next phase of life. My staff will miss working with him at the IRS, but we are all happy that we had him as long as we did to provide excellent service to the citizens of West Virginia. Good Luck, John. Thank you again for your commitment to our State.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING AUSTIN SORENSEN KLEIN

• Mr. MORAN. Madam President, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Austin Sorensen Klein, a son, younger brother, and friend gone too soon. Austin's loved ones remember him as a

young man full of energy, talent, and passion for trying and conquering new things.

Austin loved to sing. He was known throughout the Overland Park community as a vocal talent. After winning the 2015 KC Superstar competition, he went on to pursue music through the men's glee club at the University of Notre Dame and then the a cappella group at the University of Texas-Austin. Anyone who knew Austin and heard him sing will remember his sonorous voice and how his joy for music was contagious.

Austin was a kind, intelligent, patient young man who loved to learn and loved even more to make people laugh. He was a reader and, in many ways, a budding philosopher. Austin enjoyed traveling with his close family; they hiked the Black Hills and Yellowstone, toured Disney World and Washington, DC, and explored Europe, Australia, and New Zealand together. I know his parents Greg and Sue, who are dear friends to me and Senator THUNE, and his brothers Kevin and Keith will treasure these memories forever. Our community hurts with them as they navigate life without their beloved son and brother.

After a brief but remarkable life, Austin passed away on March 3, 2021. I want to extend my sincerest condolences to the Klein family and Austin's friends who mourn as they miss and remember Austin's voice, his laugh, and the joy he brought to everyone he knew. May we all learn from Austin's example to live every day to the fullest, hold close those who are dear to us, and do the things we love most.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 241. An act to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998.

H.R. 473. An act to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1083. An act to require a strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

H.R. 1996. An act to create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 473. An act to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1083. An act to require a strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia and the As-

sociation of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1996. An act to create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1216. A bill to extend the temporary scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances.

H.R. 7. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 241. An act to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, April 20, 2021, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 164. An act to educate health care providers and the public on biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes.

S. 415. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the scope of new chemical exclusivity.

S. 578. An act to improve the health and safety of Americans living with food allergies and related disorders, including potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis, food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, and eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-707. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revolving Fund Program - Water and Environmental Provisions of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018" (RIN0572-AC52) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-708. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Status Report on the Destruction of the United States Stockpile of Lethal Chemical Agents and Munitions for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-709. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Defense Annual Report on